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GUIDED MISSILE AND ASTRONAUTICS INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

17 March 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Members, Guided Missile and Astronautics Intelligence Committee

SUBJECT : Coordinated Assumptions for the NESC

1. At the meeting of 16 March in the Office of National Estimates for the review of the requirements of the NESC for coordinated assumptions, it was apparent that an early and concentrated effort would be required by GMAIC to meet the deadlines which have been established by the NESC.

2. Under DCID 3/4 the GMAIC was assigned responsibilities for the production of intelligence on numbers of missiles available to the Soviets. As a means of producing these numbers, I propose that the matter be handled by working groups having representation from Army, Navy, Air Force, and CIA. The following division of work appears logical to me, and I propose that we establish the three working groups to handle the problems of the missile production as well as the other needs of NESC:

WORKING GROUP #1

Naval Missiles

WORKING GROUP #2

Air-to-Surface Missiles and Surface-to-Surface Missiles

WORKING GROUP #3

Surface-to-Air Missiles and Air-to-Air Missiles

3. So that GMAIC can meet its deadline of furnishing the required material to the Board of National Estimates by Monday, 6 April, it is necessary that these working groups complete their drafts by Wednesday, 1 April.

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4. The most current draft of the Terms of Reference for this work are contained in Office of National Estimates memorandum dated 12 March -- a final statement of these Terms should be available by 19 March.

5. It is pointed out that these figures and characteristics do not constitute an estimate, but planning assumptions for use by NESC only. It is also emphasized that the best possible job must be done since they will be used at "the highest national level."


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MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

